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CARTER PAPERS.

We propose to issue seriatim the will, inventory and letters—both business and personal—of Robert (King) Carter, the originals of which for many years were in possession of the late Dr. Lewis Minor, of Norfolk, Va., and which now belong to his widow, to whose kindness we are indebted for permission to publish them in this Magazine. The existence of these invaluable papers was not generally known until recently, and their publication forms one of the most interesting contributions ever made to the history of the Carter family of Virginia, besides being an important contribution to our knowledge of the conditions prevailing in Virginia itself in the 18th century.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Robert Carter, of Lancaster County, in the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, Esqr., being in a sickly, declining state of Body but of sound mind and memory (to God be the praise), and being now in the sixty-third year of my age do make this my last will and Testament.

I resign my soul to God as into the hands of a Faithful Creator, and my Body (when it shall please him to take me out of this world) to the earth, trusting in and through the merits and mediation of my ever blessed Redeemer, Our great and only high priest at the right hand of the Father, to have my sins pardoned and washt away and to attain to the resurrection of the Just, disclaiming any righteousness of my own and firmly believing in the ever blessed Trinity, Father, Son and holy Ghost, Placing my only hopes in the Satisfaction and Propitiation of my dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I order my body to be laid in the yard of Christ Church near and upon the right hand of my Wives, a decent funeral to be kept at my interment, a monument or tomb stone to be sent for to be erected over my grave of about the value of my last wife's Tomb Stone, with a proper Inscription,* at the discretion of my son John or of my other

*A copy of the epitaph on his tomb at Christ Church, Lancaster county, is printed in Meade's *Old Churches and Families of Virginia*..

executors in case of this mortality; and I do dispose of that worldly estate which God hath blessed me with in manner following:

I give unto my son John Carter, esq^r,* and to his heirs male all my lands, Houses and appurtenances, and all my slaves and real Estate whatsoever lying and being in Lancaster County (excepting Such Land, Slaves and real estate as I shall otherwise dispose of in this my will); likewise my water mill and the lands I bought of Richard Lattimore adjoining, whether lying in Lancaster or Northumberland County. I give unto my said son John and to the heirs male issue of his body lawfully begotten all that tract of Land I bought of Mr. John Spicer in Essex County containing seven and twenty hundred acres, with all housing members and appur^{ts} with all the Slaves and real estate thereon, excepting the Slaves in this my will hereafter excepted.

I give unto my said son John and to the heirs male issue of his Body Lawfully to be begotten my tract of Ten Thousand acres of land upon the branches of Occaquan, upon Cedar Run, Owl Run, on Licking Run, adjoining to the Germans, granted to Capt. George Turberville and by him conveyed to me, unto him my said son John and to the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such unto my son Charles and to the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such unto my son Robert and to the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such unto my own right heirs forever.

I give unto said son John and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully to be begotten, one moiety of half part of all those lands I lately bought of Robert Cary, of London, Merchant, with their and every of their appur^{ts} lying in Richmond & Westmoreland Counties to be equally divided as followeth: The division to begin Somewhere near the plantation of Peter Smith where the s'd Smith lives, and so to run away towards Rapp^s River in such manner as to make pretty near equal Quantities, in each part consideration being had to the conveniences

* John Carter, of "Corotoman," died in 1743. He was Secretary of State for the Colony and member of the Council. Married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Colonel Edward Hill, of "Shirley," Charles City county.

of both parts of these lands and that the Fork of Totees Key come into the lower division; the lower half of this land I give unto my said son John and to the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such unto my son Robert and to the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such unto my son Charles and to the heirs male of his Body, and for want of such unto my own right heirs forever.

I give unto my said son John and to the heirs male issue of his Body that tract of land in King George County, that I bought of the said Cary, called the round hills, being esteemed to contain five hundred acres, together with the appurt^a thereunto belonging. All these lands, Tenements, Houses and Appurt^a, slaves and real estate I devise, will and bequeath unto my said son John and his heirs male issue of his body lawfully begotten, and if my said son John dye without issue male, or his issue male dye without issue male, then my will is that these lands, Houses, Slaves and real estate given to my said son John do go to my son Robert and to his heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son Robert dye without issue male or his issue male without issue male, then my will is that these lands, houses, slaves and real estate given to my son John do go to my son Charles and his heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son Charles dye without issue male, or his issue male dye without issue male, then my will is that these Lands, houses, slaves and real estate given to my son John do go to my son Landon and his heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if he dye without issue male, or his issue male dye without issue male, that then these lands, houses, slaves and real estate given unto my said son John do go unto my son George, and his heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if he dye without issue Male, or his issue Male dye without issue male, that then these lands, Houses, slaves and real estate given unto my said son John do go unto my Grandson, Carter Burwell,* second son of

*Carter Burwell, son of Nathaniel Burwell, and Elizabeth Carter, his wife, of "Carter's Creek," Gloucester county. His seat was "Carter's Grove," James City county, which he built in 1751. He married, in 1737, Lucy Grymes, daughter of Hon. John Grymes, of "Brandon," Middlesex county, and was member of the House of Burgesses for James City county 1745, 1752, 1753, and doubtless other years.

my daughter, Elizabeth Nicholas, and to the heirs male issue of his body lawfully begotten, and if my said Grandson, Carter Burwell, do dye without issue male, or his issue male dye without issue male, that then these lands, houses, slaves and real estate do go to my grandson, Robert Burwell, and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said Grandson, Robert Burwell, do dye without issue male, or his issue male dye without issue male, that then these Lands, houses, slaves and real estate given to my son John do go to my grandson, Lewis Burwell, and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said grandson, Lewis, do dye without issue male of his Body, that then these lands, houses, slaves and real estate shall go to my grandson, Mann Page,* the son and heir of my daughter, Judith Page, and the heirs male issue of his body lawfully begotten, and if my said grandson, Mann Page, dye without issue male, or his issue male dye without issue male, that then these lands, houses, slaves and real estate given to my son, John, do go unto my said daughter, Page's second or living son, if any such there be, to be baptized Carter, and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if such second or living son of my said daughter, Judith Page, do dye without issue male, then I give these lands, slaves, houses and real estate given unto my said son John unto my own right heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Robert† and to his heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten all my lands, houses, slaves, appurt* and real estate whatsoever lying and being in Westmoreland County, and likewise the mill and lands thereto adjoining in Richmond County, commonly called and known by the name of dickenson's mill; also all my lands, houses, slaves, appurtenances and real estate I have upon the branches of Wicomoco River in Northumberland, commonly known by the name of Fielding's Plantation and necks, containing between eighteen hundred and two thousand acres or thereabouts; likewise all my tract of land I bought of Maj. John Holloway, lying upon Rap-

* Mann Page, of "Rosewell," Gloucester county (1691-1730), member of the Council; married, first, Judith, daughter of Ralph Wormeley, of "Rosegill," and secondly, Judith Carter.

† Robert Carter, of "Nominy," Westmoreland county, died before his father in 1732; married Priscilla Churchill.

pahanock in Hartford (*sic*) county, and also all my land lying upon the Branches of Attaquan in the said county and likewise the slaves y^e went from Middlesex since my wife's death up to penman's End, which I have likewise before excepted out of my gift to my said son John, I give and devise unto my son Robert and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten as also the following negroe slaves (to wit): my negroe George, the cooper, and his wife and Children, the two negroes I have now bound out as apprentices to Wm. Garland; also the negroe Boy that is an apprentice to George, the cooper; also my negroe boy David, Tom Gumby's Brother, and likewise my Cook wench Priss, her husband, old Robin, and her children, all that she hath or shall have. These lands, houses, slaves, appurt^e and real estate I do give and Devise unto my said son Robert and his heirs Male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son Robert dye without issue Male then my will is that these lands, houses, slaves, appurt^e and real estate given unto my said son Robert do go to my son Charles and to the heirs Male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son Charles dye without issue Male then my will is that these lands, houses, slaves, appurtenances and Real estate given unto my son Robert do go to my son John and the heirs Male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son John dye without issue Male then my will is that these lands, houses, slaves, appurt^e and real estate given unto my son Robert do go to my son Landon and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said son Landon dye without issue Male then my will is that these lands, houses, slaves, appurt^e and real estate given unto my son Robert do go to my son George and the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said son George dye without issue Male then my will is that these lands, houses, slaves, appurt^e given unto my son Robert do go to my right heirs forever.

I give unto my son Robert and the heirs male issue of his Body all that other moiety and half of the lands and appurt^e that I bought of Robert Cary, lying in Richmond and Westmoreland Counties, being the upper moiety of these lands according to the division directed as aforesaid, and in case of the death of my said son Robert without issue Male then this moiety of the lands I bought of Mr. Robert Cary to go to my son John

and to his issue male, and for want of issue male of the body of my son John to go to my son Charles & to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and for want of such to my son Landon and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said son Landon dye without issue male then to my son George and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said son George dye without issue male then my will is that this moiety of these lands and appurt* given to my said son Robert do go to my right heirs forever. I give unto my said son Robert that tract or parcel of land I lately bought of William rust, lying in Hartford (*sic*) County upon the branches of Bull Run to him and his heirs forever.

I give these lands, houses, slaves, appurtenances and real estate I do give and bequeath unto my said son Robert and to his heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son Robert dye without issue male, then my will is that (excepting the lands I bought of Mr. Cary, which are settled on my son John in remainder as aforesaid and the lands I bought of William Rust, which I have given unto my said son Robert in fee simple) these lands, houses, slaves, appurt*, real estate given unto my said son Robert do go unto my son Charles and to the heirs male issue of his body lawfully begotten, and if my said son Charles dye without issue male, then my will is that these lands, houses, slaves & real estate do go to my son John and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said son John dye without issue male, then my will is that these lands, houses and real estate to go to my son Landon and to the heirs Male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said son Landon dye without issue male, then, my will is that all these lands, houses, slaves and real estate do go to my son George and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my said son George dye without issue male, then it is my will that all these Lands, houses, slaves and real estate do go to my right heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Charles* and to all the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten all my lands, houses,

* Charles Carter, of "Cleve," King George Co. (1707-64), member of the House of Burgesses, 1748-64.

plantations and appurt* in Lancaster and Northumberland counties, which formerly belonged to Maj. William Lesler, as also the plantation and lands I bought of Mr. Robert Jones, commonly called old plantation, and likewise the plantation and Lands I bought and purchased of John Ludley, the Father and the son, called Blough point plantation, on where Thos. West now lives, and also I give unto said son Charles and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten all my lands in King George and Spotsylvania Counties, lying above the falls of Rappahanock River, and also my great tract of Land lying upon the Branches of Potomack River, whereon I have three plantations now seated, likewise I give unto my said son Charles all the slaves that are upon the said plantation, Lands and settlements herein given to him, and all the slaves that shall be upon the s'd plantations at the time of my death, and I also give unto my s'd son Charles my negroe, Tom Gumby, and his wife and children, and also my negroe Frank, the carpenter, and his wife and children, and my two negroes that are apprentices to John Hurst, and my new negroe boy called Cesar, I also give and devise to my said son Charles and to the heirs male issue of his Body a piece of Land about two hundred acres, lying between the line of the Great Tract I live upon and the lands that were where the brick store stands and joining upon the Globe, being a piece of land on which John Bradley lived, also the lands I bought of John Wale, the son of Elizabeth Waugh, ye relict of William Waugh, also the lands I have lately agreed for with Simon Sallard and Blanch, his wife, for the executing deeds for the same I have Sallard's bond, which deeds, in case of my death, before exempted, it is my will shall be past to my said son Charles and the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten.

I give these lands, plantations, houses, slaves, appurt* and estates unto my said son Charles and the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son Charles dye without issue Male then my will is that these lands, plantations, houses, slaves and appurt* and estates given unto my said son Charles do go to my son Robert the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son Robert dye without issue Male then my will is that these lands, plantations, houses, slaves, appurt* & estates given unto my son Charles do go to my son John and the heirs

male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son John dye without issue male then my will is that these lands, plantations, houses, slaves, appurt^e and estates given unto my son Charles do go to my son Landon and the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son Landon dye without issue male then my will is that these lands, plantations, houses, slaves, appurt^e and estates given unto my son Charles do go to my son George and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my son George dye without issue male then my will is that these lands, houses, slaves, appurt^e & estates given unto my son Charles do go to my right heirs forever.

My will is that the respective stocks of cattle, horses, sheep and hoggs that are upon my severall plantations shall go to such of my sons as the lands are given to according to my aforesaid will, and to be and be continued as an appurtenance to the severall plantations to which they belong. My will is that all my lands, slaves, stocks of cattle & hoggs, houses, plantations and appurt^e to the said lands and real estate belonging, lying upon Merchant's hundred In James river be held and enjoyed by my Daughter Elizabeth, formerly the relict of Nath^l Burwell,* Gen., dec'd, and now the wife of Doctor George Nicholas,† for and during the time of her natural life, and the profits of the s'd estate to belong to her, and after her decease my will is that these lands, houses, slaves, appurt^e, stocks of cattle and hoggs do go to my grandson Carter Burwell & to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and for want of such unto my grandson Robt. Burwell ‡ and the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and for want of such unto my grandson Lewis Burwell § &

* Nathaniel Burwell, of "Carter's Creek," Gloucester county, son of Lewis Burwell, member of the Council. Was a member of the House of Burgesses in 1710, and died in 1721; married Elizabeth Carter.

† Dr. George Nicholas had a grant of land in Hanover county in 1729. He married Elizabeth, widow of Nathaniel Burwell, and was the father of Robert Carter, John and George Nicholas.

‡ Robert Burwell, of Isle of Wight county, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Carter) Burwell, was a member of the House of Burgesses and the Council. He married, first, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Nelson, of Yorktown, and, secondly, Miss Braxton, of King and Queen county.

§ Lewis Burwell, of Gloucester county, son of Nathaniel and Eliza-

to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if my s'd three grandsons should dye without issue Male then my will is that these lands, slaves, houses, appurt^s, Stocks of Cattle and hoggs do go to my granddaughter Elizabeth Burwell and to the heirs male issue of her Body, and if all my s'd grandchildren should dye without issue male then my will is that these lands & estate of Merchant's hundred with the slaves and appurt^s do go to my son John and the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such unto all my sons in-tail male, with the remainders over according to the disposition I have already made of the rest of my lands, slaves and real estates in this my will; and my further will is that this estate in all times to come be called & to go by the name of Carter's Grove, provided alwaies & it is my will and meaning that the number of slaves that are now upon the s'd plantation shall always be kept up & that the mortalities shall be still supply'd out of the profits of this estate, and that the number of cattle and other stocks shall always be kept up for the use and manure of the s'd plantation to the same number they are at my decease, and that the s'd plantation be always kept in good repair and that the contingent charges of the s'd estate be borne out of the profits,

That whereas I have bought two tracts of Land of Maj. John Holloway, lying in King & Queen County, which cost me seven hundred pounds sterling, six negroes of Mr. Augustin Moore, which cost me one hundred and twenty pounds sterling, and sundry negroes, in number twelve, of Mr. John Pratt, which cost me one hundred and eighty pounds ten shillings, which s'd two tracts of Land & Negroes are now in the possession of Mann Page, Esq., and my daughter, Judith Page, his wife, and no settlement thereof made, and having also given orders to the said Mann Page to lay out a Debt due from him to me upon an account amounting to one hundred and six pounds eighteen shillings and two pence in slaves for a further settlement upon the afores'd Lands, I do therefore give and devise the s'd Lands & slaves that shall be bought with the s'd money unto my said daughter, Judith Page, for and during the Term of her natural

beth (Carter) Burwell, was President of the Council, and acting Governor of Virginia.

life, and the profits of the said land and slaves, and after the decease of my said Daughter, Judith Page, the said Lands & slaves do go to my grandson, Carter Page, & to the heirs Male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and for want of such to my grandson, John Page, and to the heirs Male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and for want of such to my grandson, Mann Page,* and to the heirs male issue of his Body lawfully begotten, and if the said Three grandsons should dye without issue male then my will is that these lands and slaves & appurt^d do go to my Daughter Page's issue Female and the heirs of their Bodies lawfully begotten, and in case of failure of heirs of the Body of my Daughter, Judith, first by her present husband in whose posterity by my said Daughter my design is that this estate be first and for want of issue by him, then upon the issue of her Body by any other husband, but if no such issue be, to take this estate according to my intent, then it is my will that this estate, after the death of my said Daughter's husband, Mann Page, Esq., who is to enjoy the profits of it during his natural life, these lands, slaves, Houses & appurt^d do go to my son John and his heirs male, and so to my other sons in Tale male with the remainders over accord'g to the order and disposition of this my will as aforesaid, and after the entail is spent to revert and go to my own right heirs, and my will is that this estate be called and go by the name of Carter's Dale in all times to come, provided alwaies; and it is my will and meaning that the number of slaves that are now upon the s'd plantation shall always be kept up and that the mortalitys shall be still supplied out of the profits of this estate, and the number of Cattle and other stocks shall *alwaies* be kept up for the use and manner of the s'd plantation to the same number they are at, at my decease, and that the said plantation be always kept in good repair and that the contingent charges of the s'd estate be borne out of the profits.

* Mann Page (the younger), son of Mann and Judith (Carter) Page. He married, first, Alice, daughter of John Grymes, of "Brandon," Middlesex, and, secondly, Anne Corbin Tayloe, of "Mt. Airy," Richmond county, and by first marriage was father of Governor John Page, and by second, of Mann Page, of "Mannsfield," Spotsylvania county; member of the Continental Congress.

That whereas I have bought a tract of Land of Maj. Thomas Randolph in henrico County, with the appurt^a & stocks thereon, which cost me two hundred and fifty pounds sterling, and another Tract of Lands in Surry County, of Mr. William Macon and * * * his wife, which cost me five hundred and sixty pounds sterling, and also Ten negroes which I bought of Mr. Augustin More, which cost me Two hundred pounds sterling, and three negroes more of the said More, which cost me sixty six pounds sterling, all which lands and negroes being now in the possession of Maj^r Benj^a Harrison * & my Daughter Anne, his wife, it is my will & I do give and bequeath all these lands & the said slaves and stocks that now are and shall be upon the said lands of my purchase unto my said Daughter, Anne, for and during her natural life, and to her second son to be christened Carter, † and to the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such to a third son and to the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such to the oldest son of my Daughter Anne and to the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of issue male of my Daughter Ann's body to her my said Daughter's heirs female, and for want of issue male & female of my said Da'ter's these lands and slaves to go to my son Robert and to heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such to my son Charles and the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such to my son Landon and the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such to my son George and the heirs male issue of his Body, and for want of such to revert to my right heirs forever; provided always & it is my will that the number of slaves that I have now bought for the settlement as aforesaid be made up by my executors to the number of twenty-five workers within three years after my decease; provided always and it is my will & meaning that the number of slaves that are now upon the said plantations, or that shall be placed there according to the intent of this my

* Benjamin Harrison, of "Berkeley," Charles City county, member of the House of Burgesses. For copy of his will see this Magazine, III, 124. He married Anne Carter, and was father of Benjamin Harrison, Governor of Virginia and Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and grandfather of President William H. Harrison.

† Carter, or Carter Henry, Harrison, of "Clifton," Cumberland county, Va., son of Benjamin and Anne (Carter) Harrison.

will, shall always be kept up and that the mortalitys shall be still supplied out of the profits of this estate, and the number of cattle & other stocks shall always be kept up for the use and manure of the said plantations, to the same number they are at, at my decease, and that the said plantations be always kept in good repair, and that the contingent charges of the said estate be born out of the profits.

And it is my further will that if my said Daughter Anne be living at the time of my decease there be five hundred pounds sterling paid to her by my ex'tors three years after my decease, and I do also give unto my said daughter Anne forty pounds sterling to be in lieu & satisfaction for her claim to my negroe wench Martha, being unwilling she shall be parted from her husband, the said forty pounds to be laid out in negroes to be intailed upon her my said Daughter Anne & upon her daughter Betty.*

It is my will then when my daughter Anne's Daughter Betty shall arrive to the age of Twenty one years or to be Married, there shall be paid to her the *sume* of five hundred pounds sterling by my ex'tors, and that when my said daughter Anne's daughter Anne † shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or be married, there shall be paid to her the *sume* of five hundred pounds sterling by my ex'tors, and in case of the death of either of my said granda'ters the whole ten hundred pounds to be paid to the survivor when she arrives at the age of Twenty one years or is married, and if both of my s'd grand children should dye before they arrive at such ages or marriage then the said ten hundred pounds to be paid to such other son or Daughter as shall be born of the body of my said Daughter Anne when he or she shall arrive at the age of twenty one years or marriage. My will is that if my Daughter Mary ‡ shall live to the age of twenty one years unmarried, or if she should marry before with

* Betty, daughter of Benjamin and Anne (Carter) Harrison, married Peyton Randolph, first President of the Continental Congress.

† Anne Harrison, sister of preceding, married William Randolph, of "Wilton," Henrico county.

‡ Mary Carter married George Braxton, of "Newington," King and Queen county, and was mother of Carter Braxton, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

the consent and approbation of Col. Mann Page, Maj. Benjamin Harrison, my son John & her brothers Robert & Charles, or the Major part of them or the survivors of them, that then there be paid to her by my ex'tors the sume of two thousand pounds sterling to be paid in manner following (that is to say): at three yearly, equal, successive payments, the first payment to be made in eight months after my said Daughter's marriage with consent as aforesaid, or her coming to the age of twenty-one, and my will is that my said Daughter Mary have a genteel Maintenance out of my estate until she arrive at such age or marriage, and that she live with her sister Page or her sister Harrison as they shall agree to be best and properest for her. I do also give to my said Daughter Mary thirty five pounds sterling to be paid to my son John to be in lieu and satisfaction for her claim to my mulatto girl Molly and her child, being unwilling she should be parted from her husband; also the spinning girl Phillis and the girl Nanny, which she already calls hers, to her the said Mary and to the heirs of her Body, and if she dies without such heirs unto my daughter Harrison and the heirs of her Body forever. And I do order my executors to send for, for my said Daughter Mary, a gold watch of thirty pounds price and a pearl necklace of twenty five pounds price when she arrives at sixteen years of age, and it is my further will that if my said Daughter Mary shall marry before she attains to the age of twenty-one years without the consent and approbation of her brothers as aforesaid or the major part of the survivors of them, that in such case I do revoake & make void all the aforesaid Legacies & then order my ex'tors to pay to her my said Daughter Mary the sume of Five hundred pounds sterling and no more.

My will is that if my daughter Lucy* shall live to the age of twenty one years unmarried, or if she shall marry before with the consent and approbation of Col. Mann Page, Maj. Benjamin Harrison, my son John and her brothers Robert and Charles, that then there be paid to her by my ex'tors the sume of eighteen

*Lucy Carter married Henry Fitzhugh, of "Eagle's Nest," King George county, and was mother of William Fitzhugh, of "Chatham," Stafford county, member of the Continental Congress, and of Mrs. Grymes, who was the grandmother of Bishop Meade.

hundred pounds sterling, to be paid in manner following (that is to say): at three yearly, equal, successive payments, the first payment to be made in eight months after my said daughter's marriage with consent as aforesaid or her coming to the age of twenty-one years, and my will is that my said Daughter Lucy the Sume of five hundred pounds Sterling and no more.

My will is that if either of my two youngest daughters dye before She comes of age or is married so that she doth not come to enjoy the Legacies designed by this said will, then my will is there be paid by my Ex'tors to each of my Surviving daughters the Sume of two hundred pounds sterling, and if the other of my two youngest Daughters dye before she come to enjoy the Legacies designed her by this will, then two hundred pounds more apiece to my surviving Daughters, and in case of the death of my surviving daughter or either of them leaving child or children, such child or children to enjoy the mother's part. And whereas I have in England in Mr. Perry's & Mr. Dawkins' hands Four thousand two hundred & fifty pounds Capital Bank stock & in Mr. Perry's hands a bank annuity of fifteen hundred pounds, and whereas I have sundry valuable debts due unto me in Virginia upon Mortgage bonds & Interest, it is my will that these Bank Stocks and this Bank annuity shall be kept upon the same foot they now are and also two thousand pounds of my best debts that are now out upon mortgage Bond and interest as aforesaid. Still as the money shall be paid into my ex'tors' hands shall be let out again unto one or more Substantial person or persons in Va. with good Security according to the discretion of my ex'tors, upon Mortgage or Bonds at interest, & so to be continued at interest until my son George shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and that the interest for the first two years after my death to be raised out of these bank stocks, the bank annuity and the said Sume of two thousand pounds shall go to my three elder sons, my ex'tors, & shall contribute to the paiment of my Legacies, the discharging the incumbrances of this my will & to the maintenance & education of my children in Britain & Virginia.

It is my will that when my son Landon* shall arrive at the age

* Landon Carter, of "Sabine Hall," Richmond county, member of the House of Burgesses 1748, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1761, and doubtless other

of twenty-one years there shall then be paid to him & delivered by my executors one moiety or half part of my said Capital Bank stocks, & one moiety of my said Bank annuity, and one moiety or half part of the said two thousand pounds to be kept out at interest as aforesaid, and likewise one half part or moiety of the interest that shall arise from the s'd Bank stocks, Bank annuity and the s'd two thousand pounds after the aforesaid two years shall be run out & expired.

It is my will that when my son George* shall arrive at the age of one and twenty years the other moiety or half part of my said Capital Bank stocks, the other moiety or half part of my said Bank annuity, and the other moiety or half part of my said two thousand pounds ordered to be placed out at interest as aforesaid, together with the interest that shall arise out of the said moiety of the said Capital Bank Stocks & of the said Bank annuity and of the said two thousand pounds after the s'd two years are expired and run out as aforesaid, shall be paid, delivered and assigned over by my ex'tors or the survivors of them unto my son George.

It is my will that if my son Landon dye before he arrives at the age of one & twenty years, so that according to the intent of this my will he, my son Landon, will have no right to these Legacys designed him when he comes to the age of one and twenty years & not before, that then that moiety or half part of my said Capital Bank stocks of my said Bank annuity and of my said two thousand pounds, together with the interest that shall arise therefrom after the expiration of the aforesaid two years (ordered to be paid to my said son Landon by s'd Ex'tors when he comes to the age of one and twenty years) shall be also paid to my son George when he shall arrive to the age of one & twenty years & not before or otherwise.

My will is that if my son George do dye before he arrives at the age of one & twenty years so that the moiety or half part of

years, and was Chairman of the first Committee of Safety of Richmond county in 1775. He was the author of several political pamphlets. He married several times and left issue.

* George Carter, of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law, died unmarried.

my said Capital Bank Stock, the moiety of my said Bank annuity and the moiety or half of the said two thousand pounds, with the interest arising there from as aforesaid after the said two years are expired, ordered to be paid to my son George when he comes to the age of one & twenty years as aforesaid, he my said son George will have no right to according to the intent of this my will, that then that moiety or half part of my said Capital Bank Stocks, of said Bank annuity and of my said two thousand pounds, together with the interest that shall arise therefrom after the expiration of the aforesaid two years, ordered to be paid by my Ex'tors to my s'd son George when he comes to the age of one & twenty years, shall be also paid & assigned over by my ex'trs or the Survivors of them unto my son Landon when he shall arrive to the age of one & twenty years & not before or otherwise.

Whereas that if my sons Landon & George dye before they arrive at their respective ages of one & twenty years, so that in such case my said Bank Stocks, my said Bank annuity & my said two thousand pounds with the Interest arising therefrom as aforesaid according to the intent of this my will, will go & belong unto my three elder, John, Robert and Charles, or to the survivor or survivors of them, it is in such case my will that when this contingency does happen if any of my three elder sons should be dead, John, Robert or Charles having legitimate child or children then alive, that then such child or children have and enjoy his or their Father's part.

But it is my further will that if my said three elder sons or their children as aforesaid come to have and enjoy my aforesaid Bank stocks, my aforesaid Bank annuity & my aforesaid two thousand pounds according to the intent of my will, It shall be upon this condition that they, my three elder sons, John, Robert & Charles & the Ext'rs & administrators of my said sons, if either of my said sons should dye before the time shall be answerable for & make payment of the sume of Four hundred pounds sterling to each of my daughters that shall then be alive, and if any of my daughters should dye leaving child or children the said Four hundred pounds designed for the mother shall be paid to such child or children, and this will be but an easie burthen upon my said three Elder sons when this large addition

comes to their estates, provided alwaies, & it is my will & intent that my executors my sons John, Robert & Charles or the Survivors of them or the major part of them, with the consent and approbation of my trustees and more especially with the consent of Mann Page, Esq., if he shall be then alive, taking all prudent care for the security of these estate, these Bank Stocks, this Bank annuity & this two thousand pounds and the interest thereof as aforesaid, if any loss or losses do happen in any of these estates, my ex'tors shall not be answerable for any such loss or losses out of their own estates.

I give unto my son Landon and to the heirs of his body, & for want of such issue, unto my son George and the heirs of his body forever, Smith Robins girl Joan & Nansan's two eldest children (Bridget which was given away before, excepted), and my will is that Landon be kept at school in his education until he is seventeen years of age, & then be disposed of in such a manner as my ex'tor, his brother, shall judge most conducive to his future well being.

I give unto my son George and to the heirs of his body & for want of such issue unto my son Landon & the heirs of his body my negro boy Scipio & the mulatto boy Talbert & the girl Mary that is now in for a share at the old house & her children & increase, & it is my will that my son George be kept in Va. & that he be educated at the College of William & Mary so long as my sons, his brothers, shall think fit to continue him there and then to be disposed of in such Manner as my executors his brothers, shall judge most conducive to his future well being.

I give unto my said two sons, Landon & George, and to the heirs male issue of their bodies lawfully begotton, all my estate, both real & personal in Wms. Burg & if both my sons dye without issue male, then to my son John & his issue male, and if my son John dye without issue male, then to my son Robert & his issue male, & if my son Robert dye without issue male, then to my son Charles and his issue male, & in case of the death of all sons without issue male, then to go to my own right heirs forever, and I do hereby oblige my son John to keep the said estate in good repair out of the profits of the said estate. My will is that the mortgage I have of Edmund Jennings, Esq., of Rippon Hall, in York Co., the Ten following negroes be placed

upon the said plantation immediately after my decease (to-wit): Tom at the indian town with his wife & children, Lamb at Changling's with his wife & child or children, Nich. Read's Jos. at Cotoman, & his wife and children if any, a negroe man & his wife and children if any, from Clough point, a negro man & his wife & children if any from old plantation and also that there be bought five more choice working slaves to be seated & settled thereon, for the improvement of the said estate & that the stock of cattle thereon be made up at least to sixty head for manuring the grounds, and it is my will & meaning that the profits of these Lands & slaves do go & belong to my two sons, Landon and George, for & until my son George shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years & that then it is my will that upon my son George's payment of two hundred pounds sterling to my son Landon, that this estate, Lands, slaves and stocks, I do will & devise to my said son George, the said mortgage Lands, the said slaves, & stocks in the following manner (that is to say): to my son George & the heirs male issue of his body & for want of such to my son Landon and to the heirs male issue of his Body, & for want of such to my son John & the heirs male issue of his Body, & for want of such to my son Robert & the heirs male issue of his Body, & for want of such to my son Robert & the heirs male issue of his Body, & for want of such to my son Charles & the heirs male issue of his Body, for want of such to my own right heirs forever, provided always, and it is my will & meaning that the number of slaves appointed by this my will, shall always be kept up to the number fifteen workers upon the said Lands & that the mortalitys shall still be supplied out of the profits of the said Estate until my said son George comes to the age of twenty-one years, & it is my will & meaning that this mortgage of Rippon Hall shall be taken & understood to be in payment of one thousand pounds, Virginia Debts, given to my sons Landon & George, and my will is that the houses upon the said Rippon Hall plantation, be well repaired and kept in good repair out of the profits of the said estate, that is, the repairs to be immediately made by my son John & he to be repaid out of the profits of the said Estate as they shall arise, and my will is that the stock that is in Mr. Dawkin's hands merch't in London, there be brought into it two hundred & fifty pounds

more than now it is, by my Ex'trs in three years after my decease, to belong to my said two younger sons Landon & George in the same manner and under the same direction that my stocks given to my said two younger sons are directed to be.

It is my will that there be a true, ful & perfect inventory made of all my estates, as Slaves, Stocks, goods, Chattels, money, Debts, & both in Virginia & great Brittain, & be recorded in the General Court, & that no valuation or appraisement be made of my estates, & that my ex'trs named & appointed in this my will, be not obliged to give security for my estate when they take probate of my will.

It is my will that the tobacco now to ship & the Crops, both of corn & Tob^o, that shall be made this year shall be accounted as part of my estate & shall be ship^d to Great Britain in such probation as my Ex'trs shall think fitt, & the merchants that I at present deal with, if my Ex'trs have no reason to vary the consignment, however leaving them at liberty to whom to consign, taking care to trust substantial men, and it is my will that the aforesaid Tob^o be ship^d in the name of my Ex'tors.

And it is my will that the Crops of all my slaves, both of Tob^o & Corn that shall be made in the succeeding years, that is in 1727 & 1728, & when my son Charles will come to age, shall be held, deemed & taken as my estate, & the Crop of Tob^o to be shipped in the name of my Ex'trs as aforesaid, & the produce thereof to be accounted for to my estate for & towards the discharge of my debts, Legacies & other incumbrances of this my will, provided always, there be allowed out of the produce of the said two years' Crops, two hundred pounds sterling apiece, per anno, to each of my three eldest sons for maintenance, likewise that the family have suitable supplys for their maintenance for the said two years, & the contingent charges of the said estate to be born, & that my younger children also have a decent maintenance, and it is my will that the money that is and shall be raised in Britain by the profits of my plantations or by any other waies than what will answer my Debts, Legacies, Bequests, & orders made in this, my will, be divided into three equal parts, my two younger sons, Robert & Charles, to have a thousand pounds more apiece than my son John, towards building & settling their plantations.

And whereas several of my legacies are made payable at some distance of time & some of them upon such Contingencies which, perhaps, may never happen, it is my will that upon the division of the money that shall belong to my estate as aforesaid, that my three elder sons & ex'trs enter into reciprocal Bonds to one, and the other to be answerable in proportion for the respective Legacies and bequests in this my will when they shall become due & payable.

It is my will that the charge, maintenance & education of my two youngest sons, Landon & George, according to the direction & intention of this my will, shall be equally borne by my three eldest sons, John, Robert & Charles, out of the profits of their estate during their minority.

It is my will that if my daughter Page shall be alive on the 10th day of May, 1729, that then there be paid to her my said Daughter Page the sum of £300 by my three eldest sons, my Ex'trs, out of the estates & profits thereof I have given them; and it is my further will that my Ex'tors shall pay to my grandson Mann Page when he arrives to the age of twenty one years, the Sum of £300; and it is my further will that my ex'tors shall pay to my grandson Carter Page when he arrives at the age of Twenty one years, the Sum of three hundred pounds Sterling; and my further will is that my Ex'tors shall pay to my grandson John Page when he arrives at the age of twenty one years, the Sum of three hundred pounds Sterling; and my will is that if one of my Said grandsons Should dye before he comes to Said age of Twenty one years, the whole nine hundred pounds shall be paid to the two Surviving Brothers when they arrive at the Said age of twenty one years, & if two of my said grandsons should dye before they arrive to their respective ages of twenty one years, then the nine hundred pounds shall be paid to the last Surviving Brother when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years.

It is my further will that if the large brick house now building by Col. Page in the room of the house that was unfortunately consumed by fire, shall be finish' and compleated during the life time of my said Daughter Page so that she shall come to enjoy it & to have her Tithe of Dower in it, then it is my will and I do lay it as a charge upon my three eldest Sons, John, Robert and

Charles, my ex'tors, out of the profit of the estates I have hereby given to them the sume of one hundred pounds, the sume of £100 apiece to be paid to my Son in Law Mann Page, Esq., if he be then alive or else to my Daughter his now wife towards furnishing the said house.

It is my will that if Daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Geo. Nicholas, shall be alive on the 10th day of May, 1729, that then there be paid to my said Daughter Elizabeth the Sume of £300 by my ex'trs, and I do also give to my said Daughter a pair of Diamond Ear rings to cost £50 sterling to be bought by such person as she shall desire, the money to be paid by my Ex'trs, and it is my will that when her eldest son she hath by her said husband shall come to age of twenty-one years that there shall be paid to him by my Ex'trs £100 sterling, and when her youngest son she hath by her said husband shall come to the age of 21 years that then shall be paid to him by my ex'trs £100 Sterling and if either of them dye the whole sum to be paid to the Survivor.

It is my will that when my grandson Lewis Burwell arrives at the age of twenty-five years, there shall be paid to him by my ex'trs, the sume of £300 sterling, and it is also my will that my ex'tors shall pay to my Grandson Carter Burwell when he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, the sum of £300 sterling, and it is also that my ex'tors shall pay to my Grandson Robt. Burwell when he arrives to the age of twenty-one years, the sum of £300 sterling, and it is my will that if either of my three Grandsons should dye before they come to the aforesaid ages in this my will that £900 sterling shall be paid to the two surviving Brothers when they arrive to their respective ages by this my will, and if two of my said Grandsons should dye before they come to the ages aforesaid then the said £900 shall be paid to the last surviving Brother when he comes to the age aforesaid in this my said will. And it is my will that there shall be paid by my ex'tors to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Burwell the sum of £300 sterling when she shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years.

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